

# ABOUT THE PROGRAM...

**BLOCK MANAGEMENT** provides managed public hunting free of charge on private and isolated public land enrolled through cooperative agreements between Fish, Wildlife, & Parks (FWP), private landowners, and public land management agencies.



- **Landowners do not forfeit any private property rights** by enrolling land, including the right to deny access for cause and the right to enforce ranch rules;
- Every Block Management Area (BMA) has **rules specific to that BMA**. It is the hunter's responsibility to know the rules for a BMA being hunted;
- **Hunters with special needs** are encouraged to contact the regional FWP office to determine if opportunities exist to meet specific needs;
- Hunters should **sign permission slips only for the actual days of hunting**. Signing for additional days costs program dollars that could be used to enroll other BMA properties;
- Hunters should **cancel reservations** if unable to hunt on the reserved day. Failure to cancel reservations may result in cancellation of future BMA privileges;
- **Hunter behavior** determines whether or not landowners participate in the program. Courteous, legal, and ethical behavior keeps gates open. Please report any violations.
- There are **two types of BMAs**:
  - Type I BMA: **area where hunters administer their own permission**. This includes BMAs that use sign-in boxes, and BMAs that do not require hunters to obtain permission. Typically, Type I BMAs do not limit hunter numbers or require reservations, although some parking areas have vehicle limits.
  - Type II BMA: **area where someone other than the hunter issues permission**. This includes BMAs where the landowner or an FWP staff member issues permission. Type II BMAs often require reservations and utilize pasture assignments, hunter number limits, and other hunter management systems.
- **BMA Maps**:
  - Each region has its own policy regarding distribution of maps. Some regions provide a specific number of maps per hunter per day, while other regions may only provide maps at the BMA site when the hunter receives permission. Please refer to the regional information in this guide to determine how a particular region handles map distribution.
  - For the 2016 hunting season, BMA maps will be available electronically on the FWP website at <http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/hunterAccess/blockman/>